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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a 72-year-old retired librarian. I could not be more aware of the importance of unlimited broadband service to provide the information needs of our country. We need healthy competition to keep all options and opinions open and to provide many points of view. In the hands of a monopoly, news can be manipulated and cost of service can be increased so that all members of our community can no longer afford to be informed or to communicate with each other.

Living in Sonoma County, I have been appalled at the news that Verizon slowed service to first providers in our conflagration last year, because they had exceeded their data limits.

I have always been a supporter of local enterprises and I find Sonic to be one of the best. There has never been a problem with their service and their technicians are superior. As an older person, I appreciate not being talked down to while I am given the help I need to fix problems. There have been almost no problems.

I am also a customer of Sonic's phone service, which I also value. The price is good and I love that they filter junk calls as much as possible.

While I support more broadband competition, I am sure I would not replace Sonic as my provider.

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